

Update
EPA Region 8 Final Lead Action Plan
As of 6/6/18

Only sections from the Region 8 Final Lead Action Plan with an associated update are included below and these updates are highlighted in **YELLOW**. Updates on efforts to amplify the Lead Action Plan are included at the end of this document.

Drinking Water

Priority Area 2: Address Systems with High Lead Levels

Objective: Assess the progress made in Region 8 states and Indian country since EPA's renewed focus on lead in drinking water, and identify areas of improvement.

Associated Commitments:

- Clean-up lead 90th percentile data in SDWIS/Fed by the end of FY18.
- Work with Region 8 communities and states to pilot using data on the age of homes to update or revise LCR sample siting plans.
 - FY18 – one community
 - FY19 – three communities
- Have lead work as a standing item on the EPA Region 8 monthly calls with the state drinking water programs.

Progress Update:

- Individual State Meetings are being held to determine how best to partner on the R8 Lead Action Plan. The following meetings have been scheduled
 - Montana: 6/19/18
 - South Dakota: 6/20/18
 - Utah: 6/20/18
- KUDOS: EPA asked for feedback from states when developing the Drinking Water portion of the R8 Lead Action Plan and appreciate the insight States provided to strengthen the plan. Their feedback was related to resources as well as states being different in where they would like to focus (hence the individual meetings).

New Priority Area: Technology Challenge to Develop Technology That Can Locate Buried Lead Service Lines

In addition to the commitments developed in the R8 Action Plan, a new lead-related Drinking Water Project is in the works. Initial discussions are underway among the Region, ORD, and academia to initiate a Technology Challenge in an effort to develop a technology capable of locating buried lead service lines.

Lead-based Paint

Priority Area 1: Protect Vulnerable Populations from Lead in Targeted Geographic Areas:

Objective: Implement EPA Region 8 Lead Place-based Initiatives (PBIs) to protect vulnerable populations from exposure to lead-based paint hazards. These initiatives take place in targeted geographic areas and are designed to utilize outreach tools to increase public awareness of EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule and demand for lead-safe renovations. These outreach efforts are then followed by compliance assistance, work site inspections and enforcement efforts which aim to assure renovators work in a lead-safe manner when disturbing paint in pre-1978 homes and child-occupied facilities.

Associated Commitments:

- Conduct 50 inspections within the West Denver PBI area, including RRP active worksite inspections, RRP recordkeeping inspections, and 1018 Lead Disclosure inspections by the end of FY18.
- Respond to all inspections with one of the following: In Compliance Closeout Letter, Advisory Letter (compliance assistance), Notice of Noncompliance, or formal enforcement action by the end of FY19.
- Disseminate a press release that showcases the West Denver Lead RRP Rule Place-based Initiative by the end of FY19.

Progress Update:

- To date, EPA has conducted eight compliance inspections within the West Denver PBI area.
- Inspection enforcement responses include:
 - One Notice of Noncompliance
 - Three Advisory Letters (closeouts with compliance assistance provided)
- EPA is reviewing the remaining four inspections results to determine appropriate enforcement response.

Brownfields

Priority Area 2: Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants

Objective: Provide support to states, tribes and communities through cooperative agreements for the assessment and cleanup of contaminants at Brownfields sites. This may include lead from various sources, such as lead based paint, lead based paint contaminated soils, mining impacted soils and other past industrial practices.

Associated Commitments:

- The EPA Region 8 Brownfields Team plans to award no fewer than 10 new brownfields grants in FY2018, which will be used to assess and cleanup brownfield properties including many with suspected or confirmed lead contamination.

- Timely completion of grant awards in response to individual applications and track lead project completions and expenditures for FY2018; Report results in December 2018.

Progress Update

- There has been notable progress in the Brownfields area, with the awarding of 15 new grants to Tribes and States in Region 8 totaling \$5.5M. This exceeds our target of 10 new grants for the assessment and cleanup of brownfield properties.
- On April 25th, the Agency announced \$54.3m in new grants to 144 communities.
- For Region 8, there are 15 new grants including cleanup grants to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the Blackfeet Tribe, as well as a grant to capitalize a new statewide cleanup revolving loan fund in Wyoming.
- On April 26th, Doug Benevento hosted an announcement event in Cheyenne, Wyoming along with leadership from Wyoming DEQ, Wyoming Business Council, the City of Douglas and the Children's Museum of Cheyenne to kickoff new projects in that state. The event received positive [T.V.](#) and [print](#) media coverage.
- Region 8's 15 grant recipients are as follows:
 - Colorado
 - Bessemer Historical Society, Pueblo (Cleanup, \$200,000)
 - Fremont County, CO (Assessment, \$600,000)
 - Grand Junction Housing Authority (Cleanup, \$80,500)
 - City of Lamar (Assessment, \$300,000)
 - Montana
 - Blackfeet Tribe (Cleanup, \$200,000)
 - Great Falls Development Authority (Assessment, \$300,000)
 - Great Northern Development Corporation (Assessment, \$600,000)
 - Headwaters Resource Conservation Development (Assessment, \$600,000)
 - City of Missoula (Assessment, \$300,000)
 - Stillwater County (Cleanup, \$170,000)
 - North Dakota
 - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (Cleanup, \$200,000)
 - Utah
 - Carbon County (Assessment, \$600,000)
 - Wyoming
 - City of Douglas (Assessment, \$300,000)
 - Wyoming Business Council (Revolving Loan Fund, \$800,000)
 - Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (Assessment, \$325,000)

Amplifying Region 8 Lead Action Plan

- **Turtle Mountain Lead Event** (During the week of May 21, 2018)
 - Doug Benevento attended a Lead event with Tribe. It involved a tour of a lead-related Brownfield site, among others. Non-media event.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Public Service Ads Begin Airing in the Denver Metro Area (English) and Colorado-Wide (Spanish)** (Airing June)

- Lead Poisoning Prevention television and on-line public service announcements (PSAs) in English and Spanish will air for 2 weeks beginning the week of June 4, 2018.
 - PSAs will air in Colorado on ABC Channel 7, KMGH Denver and AZTECA Colorado (Spanish-speaking) television stations.
 - PSAs are designed to create market-wide awareness of: 1) the hazards of lead exposure to children in older homes; 2) the importance of having a pre-1978 home tested for lead; and 3) the importance of working lead-safe during renovations that disturb paint in pre-1978 homes.
 - PSAs are intended to drive consumer demand for certified lead-based paint testing and lead-safe certified renovations, and increase the number of certified firms and individuals that provide lead-based paint testing and lead-safe certified renovation services.
 - View English PSA videos [here](#). View online ads [here](#). When videos or ads are viewed on-line, viewer can click on the image and will be directed to EPA's Lead Microsite www.epa.gov/lead.
- **Adding Two More PSAs to Above Mentioned Campaign** (Airing summer or fall of 2018):
 - First PSA will be with Doug Benevento delivering a 15-second, general lead poisoning prevention message
 - Draft script will be sent to Deb Thomas on 6/7/18 and then Doug Benevento for review. From there, it will go on a 'fast tracked' Protrac review with HQs.
 - Second PSA will be with Mike Nelson, Denver's Channel 7 weatherman, delivering a 15-second lead and drinking water message in same format as the three mentioned above.
 - **Bozeman, MT Lead Service Line Removal** (Postponed until further notice) – Media event with Doug Benevento at lead service line removal and replacement location. Possibly at a home or school.
 - **East Helena Superfund Lead Site, MT** (Postponed until further notice) - Media event with Doug Benevento.
 - **Denver Post Op Ed About R8 Lead Action Plan from Doug Benevento** (in June)
 - Doug is editing Op Ed now
 - **Denver Public Schools and Lead in Drinking Water News Story** (TBD)
 - OCPI pitched story to Denver's Channel 7 and Channel 4- No media interest at this time